GRIDIRON CLUB

GIVES ITS GUESTS

Four Hours of Burlesque and Song, Inter-

spersed with Speeches by Dis-

tinguished Men.

HUMOROUS SIDE OF SERIOUS TOPICS

President Taft's Speech Is One of the Features of the

Evening-A Modern Barbara Frietchie and a

New Version of "Faust" Presented.

Once again the Gridiron Club bounded merrily into the ring last

night. With satire and jest, with music and dialogue, it punctured with

a few arrows of harmless folly the serious things of life. With Presi-

dent Taft as its guest, and with the banquet hall thronged with Am-

bassadors, governors, men high in political and official life, and with

when the gavel fell at midnight the guests dispersed with genuine regret.

A UNIQUE TREAT

FIVE CENTS.

MINE EXPLOSION NEAR KNOXVILLE TRAPS 200 MEN

Survive Disaster.

Three Miners, Late for Work, Give Feeling of Warm Friendliness Ex-Alarm.

Finmes at Late Hour Last Night, but Unable to Penetrate Drift on Account of Gas-Occurred Two Miles from Opening and About 800 Feet Below Surface.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.-For the second time in ten years a great mine constructive legislation. disaster has made the Knoxville colof the men whose lives were snuffed out of Columbia. in a flash as they worked. Two hun- To build up rather than to destroy

PROBABLY NO ONE ALIVE.

The possibility that any is alive is so adopt toward the Nation's Capital, slight that it was practically admitted that not one of them will escape. An now player to be the case, unuecessing explosion of blasting powder or coal dust rocked the earth to-day within a few minutes after the day shift had gone to their work, were in the passage leading to the working pit, two miles into the bowels of the earth. They heard the bowels of the earth. They heard the crash, and turning fled for their lives. Of the many who descended, they are the only ones who came out alive. Horror stricken, they crawled to the surface and gave the slarm. In an hour, rescue parties were organized and started into the shaft. But rescue was impossible. At a later hour to-night rescuers had surveeded in extinguishing the flames, but had been mable to penetrate the dirift on account of gas. The explosion is believed to have occurred two miles from the opening and alount 80 feet below the surface. All of the men who were in the surface. All of the men who were in the surface. All of the men who were in the surface. All of the men who were in the surface. All of the men who were in the surface and surveyeded in a feet below the surface. All of the men who were in the surface. All of the men who were in the surface and surveyed the course of District legislation, and who will have the largest influence in determining this policy, yesterday made brief, frank, and altogether friendly professions of their feelings toward the District.

SENTIMENT IS GENERAL.

That this sentiment is not confined to the few who were willing to be quoted is known after talks with many other members of Congress on both sides of the House. There are few indeed who are not only friendly toward the District, but anxious to play a part in further the proving the condition of the National Capital. explosion of blasting powder or coal dust

WORK FOR BLIND PRAISED.

Thomas Nelson Page, president of the National Library for the Billid, presided at the regular meeting of the association last night at the Arlington and congration lated the other officers on the great ad-vance made since its beginning last

March.

Mrs. Ernest W. Roberts, chairman of the publicity committee, made a report of the work accomplished by her committee. The report of the treasurer showed there remained a balance sufficient to have 200 more books copied. The work of copying books is done by the blind and the first book to be copied by the direction of the association, Thomas Nelson Page's "Burnal of the Guns." was done by Miss Kate Grady, the first of the blind revisers of English Reallie type appointed in the District. Others of the association, Thomas Nelson Page's "Burnal of the Guns." was done by Miss Kate Grady, the first of the blind revisers of English Reallie type appointed in the District. Others of the saccing work.

appointed in the District. Others of the tillid are rapidly qualifying for this exacting work.

The report of the recording secretary, Miss Elis Loraine Dorsey, showed that the governors of twenty-nine States have accepted appointment on the executive committee and the obligations of the appointment. A vote of thanks was given that Elisa Josselyn Griffin, the director of the library, and Miss Dorsey, for their good work in the interests of the association. Acknowledgment was also made in like manner for the census of the blind in the United States and list of libraries

CONGRESS' PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT IS CONSTRUCTIVE

Slight Possibility that Any Leaders Indicate Attitude of Present House.

SECOND IN TEN YEARS WANT TO BUILD UP

ists, They Say. "

Rescuers Succeed in Extinguishing Men Who Will Shape District Legislation Deprecate Misleading Agitation and Intemperate Utterances Which, They Say, Were Far from Indicative of True Feeling of Congress Toward District

Warm friendliness behind a desire for

This is the attitude leaders of the liery district echo with the sobs and House, Democrats and Republicans wails of women and children-relatives alike, have taken toward the District

dred and twenty-five men-perhaps to broaden rather than contract, are more, perhaps a few less-are entombed the principal features of the policy in the cross-mountain mine near Brice- which, from statements made to The Washington Herald yesterday, it is evident the Sixty-second Congress will

In the face of unfortunate and, as now proves to be the case, unnecessary

the House. There are few indeed who are not only friendly toward the District, but anxious to play a part in frozing the condition of the National

This does not mean that they do not believe conditions exist in the District municipal machinery that can be im-proved. Many have very definite and

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seorge Bowbeer, of Ballaton, Va.

special to The Washington Herald.
Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 2.—Caleb T. Bern hardt, aged sixty-nine years, died at his home in Salisbury last night. He was continually moving from town to town to the United States and list of therafes replaced by the Census Bureau and the Bureau of ducation, and to Waiter G. Holmes, of had been a country officer for a nimber of years, and was widely known. He was leader in politics and church work, and in Maithda Ziegler Magazine for the lited, of New York, for a list of readers raised type and for inserting, an advisement for bilind copylists.

hardt, aged sixty-nine years, died at his home in Salisbury last night. He was one of the beat known hardware mer-since he became a fugitive from justice. "It is good to have it over," he signed after telling his astounding story to the detectives who arrested him. "Now! (an rest."

No Need of Examination.

Former Telephone Girl Keeps Reporters Guessing

Mrs. Florence Carney Wilfred Leon Isaacs, Bride of English Broker, Denies Stepfather Runs a Barber Shop in the Southwest.

The missing clew to the identity of Mrs., ton society girl who had married a noted Florence Carney Wilfred Leon Isaacs, a British broker. Stewart fitted his race; to a customer's Carnet telephone girl, who arrived in Washington on Friday and took the best chin with fine exactitude and patised reflectively.

Washington and New York newspapers running around Washington like frenzied chickens.

Everything that everybody thought he gound our Mrs. F. C. W. L. Isaacs denied. All she would say was that on November 20 she had married in Jersey City a London broker whose name she now bears; that when she was a "little tril" she had live in the next questiful wished to be let alone.

Thus the former place of residence of Mrs. Isaacs mains a mystery. One kindly disposed old mnn.—Samuel Stewart who runs a barber shop at 23 Sevent street southwest—volunteered the information that he member. But Mrs. Isaacs denounced sim ar an impositor. Stewart was resiling a rance on the edge of his band when a facet of reporters stampeded into his shop and inquired whether it was realify the mass the stepfather of the Washing.

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Washington on Friday and took in description:

suite at the Normandie with her mother, inst night set a squad of reporters from Washington and New York newspapers too. Kind and obedient. I always tunning around Washington like frenzied chickens.

"Where is your wife?" Stewart was square to escape. "Yes," said he, "Florence is my step-

Soothers Railway Christmas Holiday Excursion Fores.

For dates of mis, limit, schedules. Pull-man reservations, and other information call on or write is. B. Brown, Gen. Agt., 705 lbth st. nw.

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GRIDIRON INCIDENTS ILLUSTRATED.



TO SLAYING GIRL THREE YEARS AGO

Charles Baldwin Is Held for Murder in Dubuque, Ia.

NABBED AT FORT HUNT

After a letter he had written to Themla Miller in Alexandria had put be able to go to the work of t Washington detectives on his trail, Charles Baidwin, a half-breed Indian soldier, stationed at Fort Hunt, last night confessed to the murder of May Washington detectives on his trail, cleared crimes of that city. Baldwin, in his story, said that he had easily eluded arrest thus far, but had been

Baldwin has been at Fort Hunt only a short time. When he came to Alexandria from the Middle West, Theims Millar, who, he says, has followed him since he began his flight across the country, came with him. Soon after he was stationed at the fort, the girl took rooms in Alexandria, and Baldwin wrote to her constantly, asking to be informed of any movements of the police.

Three days ago a letter was intercepted, in which Baldwin announced his determination of flight again. Baldwin has been at Fort Bunt only

in which Baidwin announced his determination of flight again.

"I know," the letter said, "that I am being shadowed by the police. They are watching me all the time. Why, in God's name, don't they get me? I don't know. But I must get away again."
This communication was turned over to Detectives Howes and Simpson, who immediately started for Fort Hunt. They placed Baidwin under arrest within the wall of the fort and as they told him their mission he replied:

"You've got me. I might as well tell everythin."

STUCK ON PAVEMENT.

hristmas Shoppers flave Lively

Time on Electrified Sidewalk. Chicago, Dec. 3.-A strip of sidewalk charged with electricity by the short dreniting of an are lamp caused Christ-man shoppers trouble. Half a grown us shoppers trouble. He'f a green cillin't get away until the light was graed off.

HIGH PRICE FOR JEWELS.

Continues in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 2.—The sale of the ex-Sul-tan's jewis to-day realized a total of \$100,6%, the objects disposed of being un-set precious stones.

The largest single amount realized was \$3.550, which was puld for a magnificent square white brilliant. A rectangular rose brilliant was sold for \$3.900, and a fose oval brilliant, \$4.240.

Wants Assassins Punished.

Teheran, Dec. 8.—The foreign office has received a note from Russia requesting the punishment of the three assussins of

FOR WORLD TOUR

John R. Stone, of 2444 Eighteenth Street Northwest, Aggressive Worker to Hernlit's Tour Con-



JOHN R. STONE.

John R. Stone, the second highest car didate in The Herald's contest for a tri ington for the past eighteen years.

ington for the past eighteen years.

Mr. Stone is engaged in the grocery and bakery business at 344 Eighteenth street northwest, where he has been located the past five years.

He is a member of the Grocers' Protective Association, League of Consumers' Priends, and has been an active member of the Knights of Columbus for the past ten years.

Mr. Stone has a targe acquaintance arong the younger business men in Washington, and is a clean-cut, singressive worker.

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nive worker.

He has scores of stanch friends who are lending their aid and support in his candidacy for a foreign trip, and his extremely high vote attests to the estern which he is leid. The race in his district has been very exciling from the beginning of the contest, and the outcome will be watched with a great duel of interest.

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Boys Locked in Car.

Rochester, Dec. 3.—Locked in a box last verse, which mentioned Gov. firmon's name, While it was being sungestion that woodrow will be greatly in the great duel of interest.

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SOME OF THE FEATURES OF GRIDIRON DINNER

burlesque on 'Barbara ble' with impersonations of "Uncle Jue" Cannon as Bar-

The dove of peace is al-

with Progressive Faust. Marguerite Dem like grand opera.

"popular" Supreme Court

200,000 miles. Parodies on familiar songs.

Kelly also desires that the Treasury Department compensate him for his services in the Senate and in the House of Representatives, where he professes to have served about 1888. He served as a Territorial delegate in the Lower House, but the names of the State he represented in the Senate and the Territory in the House have slipped his memory.

As Kelly would only have been thirteen years of age at the time he says he sat in Congress, the Secretary's staff has come to the conclusion that he is insane, and the correspondence has been turned over to the Division of the Secret Service.

BOYS TO SPEAK IN CHURCHES. Bible "indepts Will Be Induced to the entertainment. Probably before the

Join Y. M. C. A. Crusade.

Sixty Washington boys will speak in yarious churches of the District during the Sunday school hour te-day in the interest of the older boys' crusade. The special aim of the project is to interest appropriate/words: the Sunday school hour to-day in the interest of the older boys' crusade. The apecial aim of the project is to interest boys and men of the Bible classes in the crusade and to induce as many of them as possible to attend the rally to be held at the Y. M. C. A. building at 3:30 this afternoon.

hara and Senator La Follette as the leader of the army. The dove of peace enters the

banquet room and proves to be a

Stand-Pat Mephisto, and other characters, with a chorus of Merry Voters and a bailet, just

which made its own laws and dealt in humorous and irreverent fashion with live topics.

Presidential primary, with Dr Wiley declared as the winner of President Taft is presented with railroad mileage book good for

Speaches by President Taft Speaker Clark, Gov. Harmon Senators Cummings and Balley Secretary Fisher, and other diswhen, under the invariable rule of the club, the dinner came to an end, there was a succession of unique performances. The club, as is well known, does not follow the usual custom of waiting until tinguished guests,

afternoon.

Rev. H. S. Pinkinam, of Immunuel Bap-that Church, will be the chief apeaker ut the rally. Reports of progress will be received from leaders in the crusade, and plans for furthering its work will be dis-

distinguished representatives of every profession, the members of the club offered an entertainment absolutely unique. During the entire four hours of the dinner there was not a dull moment. Stunts and songs and quips and quirks followed each other so rapidly and so cleverly that

A DISTINGUISHED COMPANY. He shows no trace of fear, although In the banquet hall of the New Willard were gathered men from every part of the world. President Taft was, of course, song was finished, Gov. Harthe commanding figure, but he touched elbows with the German and Brazilian Ambazsadors, with Speaker Clark and Ambazsadors, with Speaker Clark and cx-Speaker Cannon, with toy. Harmon and ex-Gr. Polk, and with a heat of Mr. Brynn's Double.

the guests the entertainments of the club ful act was occasioned by the announce-are familiar, but to Sir Gilbert Poelier, ment of Prevident Carthe that Mr. Bryan now a number of the Cittle Parlia, bad unexpectedly arrived in the city and ment, the affair was a revelation. He enhad unexpectedly arrived in the city and would be a guest at the banquet. As he was specking, a gentleman appeared in

"There must be some mistake," said

ment, the affair was a revelation. He entered heartily into the spirit of the evening. He was surrounded by Cabinet officers, Senators, and Representatives, and men who have achieved dame in every walk of life.

As usual, the hall was a mass of floral beauty. The walls were literally hidden behind enormous textoons of green miliax, while in the rear of Fresident Garthe's chair the electric emblem of the child was embowered in a wealth of fragrant American Beauty roses, extending from the floor to the lofty celling. This fragrant setting of the brilliant gridron produced a most artist's effect. The ball and the tables presented a bewildering mass of huge chrysanthemus, roses, and orchids, while a formal garden effect was created by the use of box and cedar was created by the use of box and cedar trees. Throughout these elaborate decreases. Throughout these elaborate decreases. Throughout these elaborate decreases. Throughout these elaborate decreases are defent, and the beautiful results obtained through lavish and skillful use of exonistic flowers formed a picture the low at the door, "for all the gueens are bere." Then he gianced at the new-comer and apologized. "I beg your pardon, Mr. Bryan, he said, "I did not know that you were expected," It is not surprising, therefore, that when Mr. Bryan, double appeared in the baroust hall, there were expected. when Mr. Bryan', double appeared in the banquet hall there was general myn-tification. As the unexpected guest be-gan to speak, the mystery increased. Fo-told of his trip to the West Indies, had few pleasant comments to make upon the presence of Gov. Harmon, and then, add to the surprise, announced that i few pleasans the presence of Gov. Harmon, and to the surprise, announced that he was dissatisfied with every Demo-cratic candidate, and would vote for President Taft. By this time, the guests began to think that a joke was being played upon them, a belief which grew into a certainty when it was announced that the speaker was Mr. Charles B. The could be speaker w btained through lavish and skillful use of exquisite flowers formed a picture of exquisite flowers formed a picture which delighted every eye.

As the guests and members over 200 that their chairs. Then the lights were extinguished and the quartet sang a welcone sont. President Garthe uttered a few words of corolal greeting, whereupon the electric griditron flashed its brilliance upon the throng, and the fun commenced.

A Varied Programme Presented.

From that moment until midnight then under the invariable rule of the speaker was Mr. Charles B. Harroff, one of the guests of the evening. Harroff, one of the speaker was Mr. Harroff, one of the speaker by reciting The Star Spangled a welcone of the country of the speaker by reciting The Star Spangled a velocity of the speaker by reciting The Star Spangled a velocity of the speaker by reciting The Star Spangled a velocity o

Remembering the Departed. A brief moment of darkness interrupted EVIDENTLY A CRANK

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toothsome terrapin was being served that a member of the club arose to impart the information that the recall had been aprung upon the United States Supreme Court and that."'s new court is here ready for business." nator Clapp, Senator Cummins, Gov. Senator Capp, Senator Commission, who was given a hearty demonstration; Representative Victor Berger, the only Socialist in Congress, and others. All of the speakers seemed fully imbued with the atmosphere of the occasion, and they said many things, which would, if printed, make mighty interesting reading. bued So, of course, in came the court. Here, and was its personnel:

The only way to bear a speech at a Gridiron dinner, however, is to be there

In the Depths of Thought.

But now as to the dinner-or rather

Throughout the country you il observe Some men of silent glory. Oh, where is Teddy's pariot rerve Or Canton's standput story?

We hear no sound from Oyster Bay; Joe Cannon's voice is sinking. Oh. neither has a word to say. They're thinking. Thinking.

Sum Gombers.
Sum Gombers.
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"Oyes, Oyes, Oyes; all persons, corporadons, and lawyers having business be-fore the Honorable People's Suprema Court of the Gridiron Club are admon-

shed to draw near and give att-or the court is now sitting and will be something doing. God roo all." Some Frivolous Convertation.

following effect:
Justice Hinky Dink-I move we change
the name of this court.
Justice Murphy-Won't that be taking
an awful chance;
Hinky Dink-That's just it. Everybody
will have to take a big chance. Let's call
it the Court in Chancery.
Counters-No, let's call it a Court in
Bank.
Hinky Dink-Who is the dealer?
Cooners-Addrich.

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